

SUNDAY AMERICAN

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 7.—The Swedish steamship Luna and the Finnish steamer Everilda were sunk by mines off Björneborg in the gulf of Bothnia today. The crew of the Luna was saved, but all on board the Everilda except one member of the crew perished. Björneborg lies at the mouth of the Kumo river in Finland.



Rain or snow late tonight and probably Tuesday; colder tonight; easterly gales, becoming northwest and diminishing Tuesday.
Sun rises 6:59, sets 4:12;
moon rises 8:51 p. m.;
high tide 2:15 a. m.; 2:30 p. m.

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10 PM IT'S ALL HERE IT'S ALL NEW

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Lieutenant-Governor Barry's letter to Governor Walsh was as follows:

BARRY'S LETTER.

My Dear Governor:

In my judgment circumstances justify the commutation of the death penalty as applied to this man Cooper. Therefore I respectfully request your order.

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SEWADE HELD IN EXTORTION CASE

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Wilson Opposes Gardner's Plan

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—President Wilson today placed himself in formal opposition to the inquiries into army and navy preparations proposed by Representative Gardner of Massachusetts.

At the conclusion of the conference which the executive held with the latter, the White House issued this statement:

"The President told Representative Gardner that in his opinion the method of inquiry proposed by the latter was not sound. He thought it was unwise to set building the question, which might create very serious international impression."

"The statement is in favor of the full disclosure of the committee of Congress, and that there were no other portions of the executive department which were at the disposal of the committee."

\$57,500 New Money for Xmas Trade

The United States Subtreasury in the Federal building has received \$57,500 worth of newly coined eagles, half and quarter eagles, fifty-cent and dime coins, \$5,000 in five-cent pieces. This supply will be available to the public only at the office of the Subtreasury. The banks have received their supply direct from Washington.

British Steamer Sunk by Germans

VALPARAISO, CHIL, Dec. 7.—The British steamer Carcan, bound from Valparaiso to Seattle, was sunk by a German submarine off the coast of Chile. The Carcan was carrying a large cargo of goods, and the loss of the ship is a heavy blow to the British shipping line.

Frank Loses Last Appeal to Courts

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—The Supreme Court of the United States today denied a writ of error to Leo Frank of Atlanta, Ga., who was convicted of the murder of Mary Phagan, a young girl employed in Frank's factory. Frank was sentenced to death by the Georgia court, and his appeal to the Supreme Court was denied.

Say Larkin Left 'Waiting at Church'

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—After being brought from Boston on a warrant charging him with grand larceny, Albert Larkin, thirty-nine, was held today in \$2500 bail for examination tomorrow. Under the guise of romance, Larkin, it is charged, had made way with much money and stocks belonging to wealthy victims of his wiles. The police say he left seven women waiting at the church, and Mrs. Louise Brown proved his undoing.

130,000 Irishmen in War, Says Redmond

LONDON, Dec. 7.—Speaking at a demonstration at Zium, Ireland, John E. Redmond, leader of the Irish Nationalist party, repudiated statements that Ireland was not doing her duty in the present crisis, and said that 130,000 Irishmen were with the colors.

German Submarine Is Badly Damaged

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 7.—The German submarine U-16 has arrived at Esbjerg badly damaged. The cause of the vessel's injury is not known.

Bar Colored Paper if the Envelopes Are Transparent

Agreeing to the general rule from the Posters Department forbidding the use of colored stationery in envelopes which have transparent sides, which addresses may be read, Postmaster Murray said today a statement in substance as follows:

All business letters affected by the new order may be for the purpose of placing up their supply of material, the destruction of which would occasion serious hardship, without sending in their present stationery to be sent to the postal authorities at Washington. In the event of a favorable action by the department such letters will be allowed to use a paper of their own supply of colored stationery when the understanding that, when the supply of business stationery is exhausted, they will be allowed to use white stationery with such envelopes for the purpose of facilitating work and to expedite the sending of the mail.

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THE AMERICAN'S MAGAZINE PAGE

The Fortunes of Fanny

Fanny Disappoints a Patron and Is Censured by Mine. Ridetti.

By Virginia Terhune Van de Water

CHAPTER XI.
Fanny, this is my cousin.

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By EDMUND S. D'AUVERGNE

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How to Make Friends

By ANN LISLE

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Advice to the Lovelorn

By BEATRICE FAIRFAX

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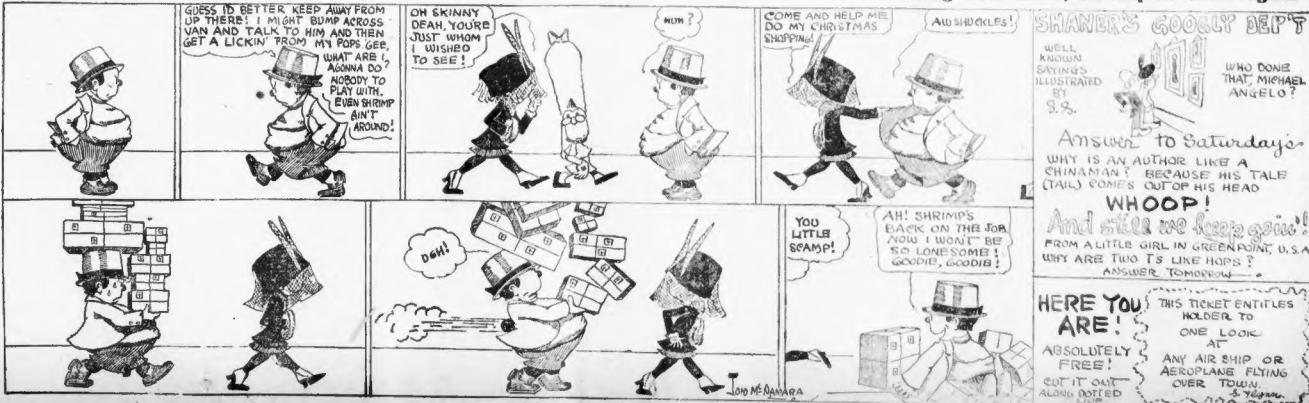
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FITCHBURGH, Dec. 7.—Orders have been received by military officials in this city from Adjutant-General Charles H. Coffey demanding Second Lieutenant James H. McDowell of Company D, Sixth Regiment, M. V. M. McDowell was tried by court-martial several months ago.

McDowell was charged with conducting unbecoming an officer and gentleman, disobedience of orders to falsifying a muster roll. Major William H. Dodge, in command of the Third Battalion of the regiment, said he received a copy of the order and that Lieutenant McDowell was found guilty of the military charges.

McDowell said today that he believed his company had been the victim of the courtmartial, and that it was because of the fact that he had heard nothing about the matter since the last hearing. May 1.

The court which tried him was held at Fitchburg in the Courtillery, Captain Eugene O. Wright presided and Captain Arthur O. Nichols, Regimental Major. After adjournment McDowell preferred a writ of Habeas Corpus, and J. J. McDowell, his brother, who is commander of Company E, has recently been disapproved by the military authorities.

Suffragists to Hold Mass Meeting

Dr. William E. B. DuBois of New York, director of the bureau of publicity and research of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, and Mrs. Josephine Peabody of Cambridge, will be the speakers at the mass meeting at Tremont Theatre next Sunday, December 9, at 8 o'clock. The Boston Equal Suffrage Association.

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A new parish in the Boston area will be established in the Gloucester district. The parish is to be formed of what is now part of St. Peter's Church, paragon, and it will be the fifth new parish carved from St. Peter's since that church was founded in 1872. The church for the new parish will be at Dickens and Amesbury streets, near Harrison square.

The new parish will include the village areas and Parkman street off the main road. It will also include north, Norchester bay on the east side of the track of the New Haven railroad on the west.

Chamber Plans for Uniform Apple Law

The Chamber of Commerce is forming a special committee to get uniform apple-grading laws passed by all the States. The present Maine law applies only one that had a grading law. The board of the State Board of Agriculture has been asked to request the other States to correct the fault of careless and ununiform grading.

Plymouth Man Dies as Trench Caves in

John Bainsford, thirty-five, a Plymouth teamster, died from suffocation while working in a trench yesterday morning in front of his new house on Alden street. He fell into the trench which covered for two hours and was discovered by the police department after a blast.

Give Amen Corner Money to the Poor

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—The directors of the Amen Corner, whose annual dinner last night drew a large attendance, have decided to hold no dinner this winter. The directors were urged to give the money to the poor, who are suffering from distress because of the cold weather.

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Two Ways of Spending Christmas And They Both Have to Wait

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Senator Lodge Means to Wake
Us Up as to the State of
Our National Defences

Senator Lodge announces that he will devote himself to enlightening the country concerning the state of our national defenses. If Senator Lodge can contribute anything substantial to the public appreciation of our pitiful helplessness against foreign aggression he will have performed a monumental work of statesmanship.

This newspaper has, without stint, criticized Mr. Lodge's attitude toward our great domestic questions, but it has always known that on matters of foreign policy Mr. Lodge has been both statesmanlike and patriotic.

From the day when, as a leading Republican in the Senate, he supported President Cleveland's Venezuelan message, he has never wavered in his true Americanism except on the question of charging American ships a toll for the use of the Panama Canal. Even there his statesmanlike instinct, when the question was one of foreign policy, led him to reject the hypocritical pretense that our treaty obligations obliged us to charge these tolls. He emphatically asserted that we had a right to levy these tolls if we chose so to do.

No man in his senses who knows the inability of this nation to withstand the assault of the first military powers of the world can any longer view our condition with complacency, when he contemplates the terrible catastrophe which has now fallen upon most of the world.

Before the outbreak of this European conflict there might have been some reason for sensible men to believe that, so long as we minded our own business and exhibited a peaceful disposition and maintained our treaty obligations, we would be safe. But we now know that one of the great military groups of the world regards a treaty obligation "as a mere scrap of paper" and that there is no controlling law between nations except the law of necessity or advantage, and that there is no safety except in power.

In Massachusetts, both the Progressives and the Republicans have sounded the note of warning. They have read the handwriting on the wall. But where are the Democrats? "On thy voiceless lips the heroic lay is tuneless now."

Governor Walsh's Pleasant Ex-
perience and What It May
Lead To

Governor Walsh relates an interesting incident of his participation in the recent conference of Governors held at Madison, Wisconsin.

It is the excellent custom of the Governors of our Commonwealths to go into conference once a year to exchange views and to present to the chief executives of the other States the most advanced thought in each State.

During this conference Governor Walsh was asked to address the assemblage of Governors on our new Workmen's Compensation Law. The Governor agreed to do so the next morning. The early history of the law was not fresh in his mind and he requested the chief of the Legislative Bureau of Wisconsin to give him such information as he might have. Governor Walsh did not expect much, but he thought there might be some odd pamphlet which could jog his memory a little concerning the history of the law passed before his administration and much improved last year by his recommendation.

But to the Governor's great surprise and delight, there was immediately sent to him from the bureau a complete history of the law, which included the act itself, with all its amendments, the speeches and arguments for and against it before the legislative committee, the pamphlet reports and even the newspaper articles and editorial comments. Nothing could be more complete, because nothing worth while had been overlooked concerning this law. No such full information could have been obtained in Massachusetts about this Massachusetts law without much delay and better-seller search in a hundred different places.

This is ONE phase of the progress which Wisconsin has made in her State government under the leadership of Senator La Follette.

The advantage to good government and to progressive reform to be obtained from complete and prompt information of all matters touching public affairs is inestimable. It not only makes for intelligence in our public discussions and the consequent wisdom of our proposals for legislation, but it tends also to prevent honest experiments in the directions in which the experiment has already been tried and failed elsewhere.

The AMERICAN believes it is not unlikely that Governor Walsh will soon attempt to give Massachusetts the benefit of his pleasant experience with the Legislative Bureau of Wisconsin by recommending that it be adopted also in this State.

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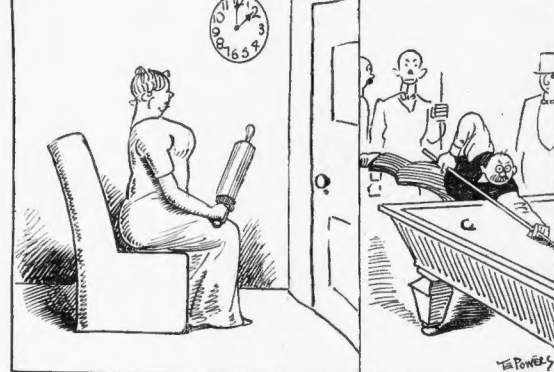
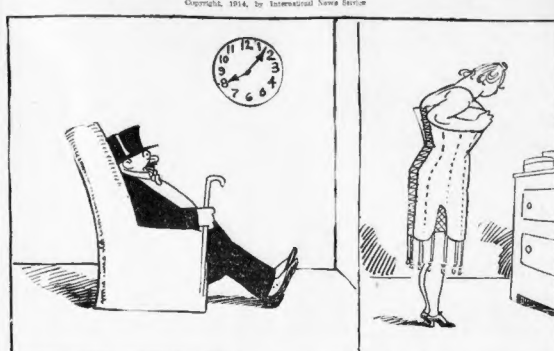
How the money is rolling in for the AMERICAN'S "Give a Basket" Christmas Fund. But every cent is needed, for every mail brings scores of pathetic appeals for Christmas baskets from poor families of Greater Boston. Every cent given goes into the baskets—all expenses of distribution are borne by the AMERICAN.

All checks or contributions should be sent to the Christmas Fund Editor, Boston American, No. 50-52 Summer street. Checks should be made payable to the Boston American. All contributions will be acknowledged in the AMERICAN.

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How Bungalow fumes while he waits for his wife to finish dressing. But he forgets all about that when he's trying to win a game of pool.

The Centre of the Universe

By GARRETT P. SERVISS

IT is possible that the centre of the universe has at last been found.

It is a great star that has been selected as the probable heart, or fourth, of the sidereal system, which contains at least a hundred million other stars. The chosen star is Canopus, in the southern hemisphere of the heavens, only visible from the extreme southern portions of the United States. Although very brilliant and exceedingly beautiful, Canopus is not as bright as Sirius, the glorious "Dog Star," which flashes with diamond radiance in our Winter heavens. But it is only the deceptive effect of relative nearness that gives Sirius its apparent superiority over Canopus.

Sirius is about nine light-years distant. In light-years being the distance that light, travelling 186,000 miles per second, would go in twelve months, and if we were so near to it as we are to the sun it would give us thirty or forty times more light and heat than the sun does; in other words, it is a sun thirty or forty times greater than ours.

Canopus is at least 560 light-years distant, and if we were as near to it as to the sun it would pour upon us probably TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND TIMES AS MUCH LIGHT AND HEAT as we now get from the sun!

Earth Could Not Exist

This means, of course, that the earth could not exist at all in such proximity to Canopus. It would simply be puffed away in a whiff of burning gases. At a distance of a little more than ninety million miles from the sun the earth finds a temperature and an illumination which are both quite agreeable, as tested by our senses. That distance would have to be increased to about fourteen thousand million miles from Canopus in order that similar temperature conditions should prevail for us under the dominion of that tremendous sun!

It is not simply because of the

enormous calculated magnitude of Canopus that it has recently been selected as the probable centre of the whole starry system which we call the universe, but more particularly because the observed motions of the stars seem to indicate that they circulate about the point which is occupied by Canopus. Even our far-distant and insignificant sun appears to acknowledge by a slight inclination of its path through space the dominance of the great master star.

Stars As Masters

But if Canopus really is the centre of the sidereal universe it does not govern it with the absolute power that the sun exercises over his planets. It owes its pre-eminence rather to its position than to its energy. The universal system of the stars is, in a sense, federative and self-governing. That system has a centre, because of the mutual attractions of the millions of bodies composing it. All are masters and all servants, to their degree. They are like the revolving electrons in an atom. It is the universal law of orbital revolution, affecting them all, which keeps them in motion about the centre. If we suppose that the brilliant Canopus, area for area, is the same as the sun, then its diameter must be about 160 times that of the sun, its surface area 25,600 times, and its mass, which measures its attractive power, 4,096,000 times!

But this assumes that its mean density is the same as the sun's. In fact, there is reason to believe that the density is far less than that of the sun. Still, if we should arbitrarily diminish it a thousand times the attractive force of Canopus would remain four thousand times greater than the sun's.

THE SNOWFLAKE

By ELLA WHEELER WILCOX

ALL sheltered by the mother cloud
The little flake looked down;
It saw the city's seething crowd,
It saw the shining town.

"How far and far those sleepless rise
To greet us, Mother, dear!
It is so lonely in the skies
Why do we linger here?"

"The North wind says the merry earth
Is full of life and glow.
I long to mingle with its mirth,
O Mother, let us go!"

"The mother cloud reached out her arm,
"O little flake," she said,
"The earth is full of sin and harm.
Hide here with me, hide here with me!"

But when the pale cloud mother slept,
The North wind whispered, "fly."
And from her couch the snow flake crept,
And tiptoed down the sky.

Before the Winter's sun his feet
Brief journey made that day,
All soiled and blackened in the street
The little snow flake lay.

More Truth Than Poetry

By JAMES J. MONTAGUE

Merely Conjecture, of Course

If things had been ordered otherwise in Yule House, and if it was not of the highest importance just now to keep out of the European tangle, and if, say, Andrew Jackson were in the White House, it might be quite imaginable that after that Smyrna incident there wouldn't be enough left of Turkey for soup or hash or even crepes.

Not Passing the Buck, but—
Mr. Wilson has expressed himself in favor of the prompt settlement of the woman suffrage question—by somebody else.

For Sailors Must Sing
If Mr. Daniels continues his song censorship the American blue-jackets will have to go to work and learn the "Star Spangled Banner."

What a Yule Man Might Have

Written
You say I hate the haw!
Hate is a treble word!
I loathe, abhor, my very soul
With strong disgust is stirred:
The foregoing, however, was not
Written by a Yale man, but by a
Yale who for good and sufficient reasons had a rather pronounced aversion to the Demon Hum.

They Prefer Other Weapons
Mr. Bryan may have convinced himself that love will win the war, but he will have some job convincing any of the belligerents of it.

Superfluous Requests
(A) The administration's request that American tourists do not visit Europe just now.

(B) Mr. Shaw's request that the Irishmen fight.

The King of Hearts Calls for
Men!

Enlist Today and Drive Gen. Skinfint and Gen. Pinchlist Out of Boston and Into the Sea on a Glorious Christmas Morning

His Imperial Highness the KING OF HEARTS has decreed that old GENERAL GROUCH and all his forces must be driven out of Boston on or before the evening of Thursday, the 24th instant.

Field Marshal BOUNTIFUL reports today his pressing need of 1,000 volunteers. They may be of either sex and any age. Anybody can pass the physical test. Surgeon-General Bonhomia says, whose HEART IS IN THE RIGHT PLACE.

Enlist by sending two dollars now, TODAY, to the Boston AMERICAN'S Christmas basket fund. This two dollars makes you a soldier under the colors of one of the great generals in the left-hand column below. Those who fight on the right side are on the WRONG side! They will be driven out of Boston on Christmas morning, and into the icy cold waters of the sea:

Gen. Free	Gen. Miser
Gen. Charitable	Gen. Niggardly
Gen. Ungrudging	Gen. Skinfint
Gen. Unselfish	Gen. Lickpenny
Gen. Princely	Gen. Pinchlist

His Majesty the King of Hearts orders that every soldier in his great army shall enjoy THE LUXURY OF DOING GOOD. The password—whisper—is "DO AS YOU WOULD BE DONE BY!"

The enemy is at the gates. He will be utterly routed, on the morning of Thursday, December 24.

Citizens, Brothers, Sisters, you have exactly eighteen days left in which to obey that impulse.

Two dollars—think of it, ONLY TWO DOLLARS—will fill a Christmas Basket and provide a REAL Christmas dinner for some of God's little ones.

LETTERS FROM AMERICAN READERS

"HELP AMERICA FIRST"

Editor BOSTON AMERICAN:

Dear Sir—Your editorial entitled "Sympathy, Like Charity, Should Begin at Home," harmonizes with my sentiments exactly.

In summing up those whose ambitions tend toward relieving the sufferings and hardships of those in Europe, brought about by the present war there, among whom the Red Cross Society is perhaps the most prominent, it is quite obvious that their desires to bene-

fit the needy have been attracted by the horrible results of war to the extent of causing them to overlook the pressing necessities of those in their immediate midst, who are perhaps more wanting of Christmas presents, clothing, food, etc., than those of the warring nations of Europe.

It is, emphatically, a worthy cause for any society or individual to help the suffering or poor, but certainly it is just as much, if not more, to our credit to begin and fulfill our charity at home.

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